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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SCRANTON-MINIC MEETING - ISRAEL

1. GOVERNOR SCRANTON MET WITH YUGOSLAVIA'S FOREIGN SECRETARY MILOS MINIC AT SVETI STEFAN ON JUL 23, 1976. DURING THEIR MEETING THEY DISCUSSED ISRAEL.

2. GOVERNOR SCRANTON ASKED ABOUT ISRAEL. MINIC SAID HE WAS STILL DUBIOUS WHETHER ARABS CURRENTLY HAD STRENGTH TO TAKE A COMMON STAND. MINIC HOPED THAT THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO DO SO. HE STRESSED THAT RESOLUTION IN LEBANON WOULD BE HELPFUL.

3. WHEN SCRANTON ASKED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF A CALL FOR ISRAEL'S EXPULSION FROM UN AT COLOMBO SUMMIT, MINIC REPLIED THAT THIS "ALWAYS COMES UP". MINIC CALLED FOR CHANGE IN ISRAEL'S POLICY. MINIC SAID THAT YUGOSLAVIA COULD NOT "BANISH" VIEW THAT ISRAEL'S POLICY IS A "SHORT-TERM ONE". MINIC UNDERLINED THAT ISRAEL HAD ITSELF TO BLAME FOR ITS UNFAVORABLE SITUATION. MINIC COUNTINUED THAT ISRAEL THOUGHT IT HAD U.S. IN ITS "POCKET". MINIC EMPHASIZED THAT ARABS AND OTHERS HAD VERY STRONG VIEWS AGAINST ISRAELIS. MINIC SAID, HOWEVER, THAT YUGOSLAVIA DID NOT

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CONSIDER ISRAELI EXPULSION "PROPITIOUS". HE BELIEVED THAT,

IF NOTHING HAPPENED TO WORSEN OR IMPROVE MATTERS, COLOMBO WOULD CALL FOR CHAPTER VII SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL AS AT LIMA.

4. MINIC SAID YUGOSLAVIA COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY U.S. HAD VETOED JANUARY 1976 UNSC RESOLUTION ON PALESTINIAN QUESTION. MINIC SAID THAT DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS A BREAKTHROUGH IN THAT IT MANIFESTED ARAB RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL AND ARAB ACCEPTANCE OF ISRAEL'S JUNE 5, 1967 BOUNDARIES. MINIC SAW THREE ESSENTIAL POINTS IN RESOLUTION OF MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM:

- (A) WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES;
- (B) RIGHT OF PALESTINIANS TO RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND A STATE OF THEIR OWN; AND
- (C) RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL.

5. IN REPLY, SCRANTON STRONGLY EMPHASIZED OUR VIEW THAT JANUARY 1976 DRAFT DEFECT OF FAILING TO PROVIDE FOR NEGOTIATION OF ISRAEL'S BORDERS. IT THUS PREJUDGED MATTERS. SOME RECTIFICATION OF ISRAEL'S JUNE 5, 1967 BORDERS IS NEEDED TO PROVIDE FOR SECURE BOUNDARIES.

6. MINIC DID NOT RELENT AND URGED FURTHER STUDY OF JANUARY 1976 DRAFT, WHICH HE AGAIN STRESSED REPRESENTED A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARDS RESOLUTION OF MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM.

COMMENT: WE GATHERED THAT YUGOSLAVS CONTINUE TO WANT TO USE JANUARY 1976 DRAFT AS BASIS FOR A COLOMBO RESOLUTION AND THAT THEY WILL STRONGLY SUPPORT CHAPTER VII SANCTIONS.  
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